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ERADICATION OF VECTOR BORNE DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to eradicate the vector borne diseases in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the strategy formulated in this regard;

(c) the funds allocated and utilized therefor during the current year;

(d) whether the Government has also sought help of international agencies to combat these disease; and

(e) if so, the response of the international agencies thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Government of India is implementing the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme(NVBDCP) for prevention and control of Malaria, Dengue, Japanese Encephalitis and Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis by 2015 and Elimination of Kala-azar by 2010.

(b): The NVBDCP strategy comprises:

(i) Early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

(ii) Integrated vector management by use of appropriate mix of vector control measures (Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) in selected pockets, anti larval measures in urban areas, use of insecticide treated bed nets(ITNs), larvivorous fishes and environmental and minor engineering methods).

(iii) Epidemic preparedness and rapid response.

(iv) Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) for generating awareness & social mobilization through different media.

(v) Inter-sectoral collaboration by involving other departments, civil society organizations, corporate sectors and local self-government etc.

(vi) Human Resource Development through capacity building of medical and paramedical personnel, partner organizations by training at primacy, secondary & tertiary levels, operational research; and

(vii) Monitoring and evaluation through periodic reviews, field visits and web based Management Information System.

(c): During the year 2005-06, Rs.264.22 crores were allocated, out of which Rs.260.43 Crores were utilized. The budget provision for 2006-07 is Rs. 371.58 crores.

(d) & (e): A Grant Agreement has been signed on 27th June, 2005 for launch of Intensified Malaria Control Project with assistance from Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in North Eastern(NE) States, selected high risk areas of Orissa, Jharkhand and West Bengal to increase access to rapid diagnosis and treatment through community participation; reduce malaria transmission risk by use of insecticide treated bednets and larvivorous fish; and enhance awareness about malaria control and promote community, NGOs and private sector participation.